

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 9:30 + 11:00 AM SERVICES

TWELVE TREES OF CHRISTMAS



Celebrate the birth of Jesus this holiday season by joining us for one of our favorite services of the year! Every Christmas season, our worship choir and orchestra lead a special Sunday Morning Christmas Worship Concert in conjunction with a community outreach we call “The Twelve Trees.”

This year, during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, the Worship Ministry will present “The Name.” Lined across the front of the Worship Center will be twelve trees, each representing a non-profit ministry that serves the Waco community. During the service, our church family will have an opportunity to bless the ministry of their choosing by coming forward and placing a gift under that tree. Each ministry has provided us with a “wish list” of the items they need most. We invite you to shop from this list and bring your unwrapped gift on December 7. (Life Groups, Youth, and Kids will meet as usual this morning.)

ADVOCACY CENTER

Serves to bring about healing to children and adults who are victims of a crime

- HEB, Walmart, Target, & Sam's Club gift cards
- New stuffed animals
- Body sprays, lotions, hair accessories, art supplies, fidgets, board games, sports balls, yo-yo's, & playing cards
- Underwear & undergarments for all sizes & both genders (children through adults)
- Individually packaged snacks & drinks (crackers, fruit snacks, chips, Gatorade, juice boxes, & water)

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Cares and ministers to homeless individuals or families in the Waco area

- Gift cards (preferably from places that sell a variety of items)
- Children's toys & clothing
- Items for our apartment ministry (includes both children & adults)
- Metal chairs (to replace older/broken ones)
- Sleeping bags

FAMILY ABUSE CENTER

Strives to eliminate domestic violence in central Texas by sheltering victims and preventing abuse from occurring through intervention and education

- STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) & sensory toys for kids
- Twin & queen bedding
- Dishes, pots, pans, & crockpots
- Shower curtains & hooks
- Bath & hand towels

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP

Fosters spiritual, personal, and professional growth enabling women to change families and communities

- Composition notebooks
- Adult slippers
- Adult backpacks
- \$10-25 gift cards (for gas & food)
- Phone chargers

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ministers to Black and Hispanic families around their neighborhood

- Amazon, HEB, & Walmart gift cards
- Children's Christmas toys (ages 5-12) or gift cards for them
- Throw/warm blankets, socks with non-skid bottoms, & lotions (for seniors)
- Christmas candy/chocolate
- Postage stamps

FOSTER VILLAGE

Offers friendship, camaraderie, relief, and resources for foster parents and children who need to know they are not alone

- Target, Walmart, or Old Navy gift cards (for older kids & teens)
- Children's jeans in sizes 12 mo. through 14/16
- Children's long sleeve t-shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts in sizes 12 mo. through 14/16
- Stuffed animals
- Underwear & socks (all sizes) for boys & girls

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Helps the elderly and people with disabilities who live independently, and cares for those who cannot care for themselves

- Visa, Walmart, & Fast Food (McDonalds, Whataburger, etc.) gift cards
- House shoes (with backs) in various sizes for men & women
- Gripper socks for men & women
- Throw blankets
- Towel sets (towels, hand towels, & washcloths)

HELPING HANDS SPECIAL NEEDS

Special needs ministry at First Woodway that ministers to persons with disabilities (babies through adulthood) and their families

- Amazon or Mardel gift cards (for sensory plushies & fidget boards)
- AA & AAA batteries
- Kid-sized flashlights
- Weighted blankets (3-4 lbs)
- Action Bibles

THE SALVATION ARMY

Endeavors to break the cycle of poverty through a variety of programs, while meeting the basic needs of those in our community

- Toys for all ages & both genders
- Underwear, sweatpants (all sizes), socks, sweatshirts, shower shoes, slippers, & sleepwear for men & women
- Disposable razors, deodorant, & body spray
- Children's clothing, underwear, socks, & PJs
- Wal-Mart or Target gift cards

GIVEN IN JESUS' NAME FOOD PANTRY

A ministry at First Woodway that provides food to hundreds of individuals and families in the community

- Toilet paper
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- HEB & Walmart gift cards

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

Provides a safe home for children to stay while they wait placement in a foster home

- Pillows (no pillow cases)
- Insulated water bottles (for children & teens)
- Gift cards (for clothing & restaurants)
- Kids' 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner
- Women's shampoo & conditioner

VIENTO FUERTE WITH INSPIRACION

Ministers and supports Hispanic families as they partner with Inspiracion Waco to meet physical and spiritual needs

- Walmart, Target, or HEB gift cards
- 0-6 mo. toys, wrist rattles, & foot rattles
- 6-12 mo. toys, teething chews, & soft stuffed animals
- 1-2 yrs. toys, shape & color sorter toys, blocks, & books
- 3-4 yrs. jackets, sweaters, counting toys, outside toys, balls, etc.